

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

Conservation Commission Flood and Erosion Control Board



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OFFICE OF THE BUREAU CHIEF

February 1, 2010

RE: Proposed River-Flow Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

The Ridgefield Conservation Commission strongly supports passage of the proposed river-flow regulations, with the exception of creation of Category #4-type rivers. We believe no rivers in the state should be delegated to a non-protective category.

This issue carries great significance to the town of Ridgefield, as we are home to the headlands of seven Connecticut and New York rivers. We feel this legislation is critical to the health of the Long Island Sound and the Hudson River Basin. This legislation is balanced and has been too long in development—had it been passed 10 years ago, our rivers—and the Sound--would be in better shape today. Please don't delay passage now.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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